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This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated December 3, 2002.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-13 and 20-22; and Group (II), Claims 14-19.

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Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of **Group (I), Claims 1-13 and 20-22** for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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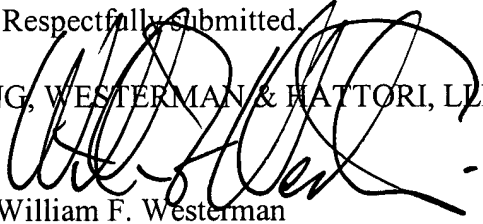


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